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DEAR SECRETARY DORTCH,

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THE FOLLOWING LETTER IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ~~DOCKET~~ ^{FCC Mail Room} NUMBER 12-375. MY NAME IS BRANDON L HAWKINS, I AM CURRENTLY BEING DETAINED IN ST. LUCIE COUNTY JAIL IN FORT PIERCE, FL. THIS IS MY FIRST TIME BEING DETAINED FOR SERIOUS CHARGES. IN PAST EXPERIENCES I HAVE HAD CHARGES DROPPED AND NEVER EXPERIENCED THE PRICE GOUGING ON PHONE CALLS. I NEVER HONESTLY KNEW OF THIS ISSUE UNTIL THIS INCIDENT AND AM QUITE ASTOUNDED THAT THIS ISSUE IS NOT BEING MADE PUBLIC. 85% OF ALL CALLS FROM PRISONS AND JAILS ARE INTRASTATE. I PAY 3.00 PER CALL WHICH CALCULATES OUT TO .15¢ PER MINUTE. I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT MOST CELL PHONE AND HOME PHONE PLANS CARRY UNLIMITED CALLING FOR LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE CALLING. TO CONTINUE THE ANCILLARY FEES TO SET UP THE PHONE CALLS ARE 5.00 DOLLARS FOR GLOBAL TEL LINK TO SET UP CALLS WHICH IN CREATES THE PER MINUTE RATE TO APPROXIMATELY .20¢ PER MINUTE. WITH OVER 2 MILLION INCARCERATED OR DETAINED INMATES THESE COMPANIES ARE SUCCESSFULLY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE DISADVANTAGED. THE FCC HAS THE POWER TO REGULATE THIS AND IN GOOD FAITH OUGHT TO ACT EXPEDITIOUSLY ON LOWERING THE RATES. THIS IN TURN WOULD KEEP FAMILIES CONNECTED. THIS WOULD KEEP THOSE WHO IN MOST CASES SUFFERED THE BREAD WINNER GOING TO PRISON FROM ENTIRELY EXHAUSTING ALL THEIR RESOURCES JUST TRYING TO

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